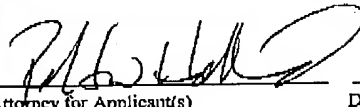


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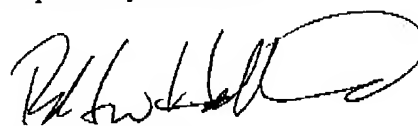
Claims 1 – 49 are pending in the application. Claims 1 – 20 have been rejected. Appreciation is expressed for the indication of allowance of Claims 21 – 49. Applicants have canceled Claims 1-20 to bring Claims 21-49 to issuance without further delay.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the cancellation of Claims 1-20 and the Examiner's indication of allowability for Claims 21-49, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being sent to the USPTO via the USPTO Central Facsimile on August 9, 2004.	
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